



Core Critical Thinking Skills

Critical Thinking Mindset Self-Rating Form

1. Answer yes or no to each of the following questions:

I am able to identify and provide when asked credible and reliable information in support of one of my most strongly held, ideas, opinions, or beliefs.

Yes ☐ No ☐

2. Over the past two days I failed to show due consideration to the logical strength of the beliefs, opinions, or ideas, or of someone with whom I disagreed.

Yes ☐ No ☐

3. Over the past two days I was able to assess the credibility of another person's statements, opinions, or beliefs upon their logical and evidentiary strengths.

Yes ☐ No ☐

4. Over the past two days I argued my position based upon my gut feeling despite evidence to the contrary.

Yes ☐ No ☐

5. Over the past two days I tried to think ahead and anticipate the consequences of various options and adjust my actions accordingly.

Yes ☐ No ☐

6. Over the past two days I accepted the claims or arguments of another without considering when they had presented any evidence in their support.

Yes ☐ No ☐

7. Over the past two days I made a serious effort to be analytical about the foreseeable outcomes of my decisions.

Yes ☐ No ☐

8. Over the past two days I avoided questioning the products of my reasoning.

Yes ☐ No ☐

9. Over the past two days I encouraged peers not to dismiss out of hand the reasonable opinions and ideas other people offered prior to an analysis of the evidence presented in their support.

Yes ☐ No ☐

10. Over the past two days I acted with disregard for the possible adverse consequences of my choices.

Yes ☐ No ☐

11. Over the past two days I organized a thoughtful and systematic approach to a question or issue.

Yes ☐ No ☐

12. Over the past two days I dismissed as too time consuming the idea of a methodical approach in my attempt to solve a problem or answer a question.

Yes ☐ No ☐

13. Over the past two days I approached a challenging problem, by examining- what role my personal experiences and biases might play in the formation of my conclusion[s].

Yes ☐ No ☐

14. Over the past two days instead of working through a question for myself, I asked someone else for the answer.

Yes ☐ No ☐

15. Over the past two days I read a report, newspaper, or book chapter or watched the world news or a documentary just to learn something new.

Yes ☐ No ☐

16. Over the past two days I didn't attempt to learn anything new until I saw the immediate utility in doing so.

Yes ☐ No ☐

17. Over the past two days I attended to variations in circumstances, contexts, and situations in coming to a decision.

Yes ☐ No ☐

18. Over the past two days I stood by my convictions even when confronted with credible evidence from a reliable source that tended to undermine them.

Yes ☐ No ☐

19. Over the past two days, when asked to justify my ideas, beliefs, or opinions, I was competently able to explain my argument.

Yes ☐ No ☐

20. Over the past two days I avoided asking questions regarding the meaning of specific parts of someone's argument, belief or claim because I feared being thought unknowledgeable.

Yes ☐ No ☐

If you have described yourself honestly, this self-rating form can offer a rough estimate of what you think your overall disposition toward critical thinking has been in the past two days.

Give yourself 5 points for every "Yes" on odd numbered items and for every "No" on even numbered items.

If your total is 70 or above, you are rating your disposition toward critical thinking over the past two days as generally positive.

Scores of 50 or lower indicate a self-rating that is [averse](#) toward critical thinking over the past two days.

Scores between 50 and 70 show that you would rate yourself as displaying an [ambivalent](#) or mixed overall disposition toward critical thinking over the past two days.

Interpret results using this tool cautiously. At best this tool offers only a rough approximation with regard to a brief moment in time.